

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME
Eastern Sierra & Inland Deserts Region

DEER ZONE D14 and ADDITIONAL HUNT J11
Deer Hunting Information

This information has been prepared to assist you in getting ready for your hunt after you have received a general season deer tag for Zone D14 or a J11 additional hunt deer tag in Zone D14. All hunters should be familiar with regulations in the current CALIFORNIA HUNTING REGULATIONS (MAMMALS AND FURBEARERS) booklet available online at the Department of Fish and Game's website: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/biggame/biggamehunting.html. This booklet contains important information on zone boundaries, tag quotas, hunting seasons, bag limits, and special conditions. Laws, designed to conserve wildlife and provide an equitable distribution of game animals, are expected to encourage hunter ethics. Those who know and understand the rules can expect an enjoyable hunting experience. Articles on big game hunting and information about how to apply for deer tags may be found in the current year's BIG GAME HUNTING booklet available where hunting licenses are sold or online at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/biggame/biggamehunting.html.

LAND STATUS: Zone D14 is located primarily in western San Bernardino County; the southern portion of the zone dips into Riverside County. The zone is bounded by State Highways 18 and 247 on the north, Interstate Highway 10 on the south, Interstate Highways 15 and 215 on the west and State Highway 62 on the east. The zone covers a wide variety of ecotypes where deer can be found from Alpine meadow to high desert scrub. The majority of the zone is public land administered by the U. S. Forest Service (USFS), San Bernardino National Forest (909)383-5588, or the U. S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM), 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311 (760)252-6000. Some BLM land at the east end of the zone is administered by BLM out of their Palm Springs office (760)251-4800.

ACCESS: The major highways, mentioned above, lead to several smaller county highways such as 138, 173, 30/330, and 38 that go into the heart of the zone.

MAPS: A map showing land ownership is available online at www.dfg.ca.gov/hunting/deer/deer_maps.html. For maps with more detail, please utilize the sources mentioned in this section. USFS and BLM maps are available and can be obtained by contacting the San Bernardino National Forest (909)383-5588, USFS (707)562-8737, or BLM (760)252-6000. The Automobile Club of Southern California (AAA) map for San Bernardino County Mountains and the "Southern California Atlas and Gazetteer" by DeLorme Mapping Company, available at bookstores or call (207)846-7000 to order, provide a good, large-scale overview of roads within the forest boundaries. More detail is provided in USGS topographical maps, available at specialty stores such as camping and hiking products retailers, or directly from the U.S. Geological Survey Distribution Center, Denver Federal Center, Building 810, Box 25286, Denver, CO 80225, telephone (303)202-4700. Some specific 7.5 minute quadrangle maps for portions of the zone include Butler Peak, Fawnskin, Moonridge, and Big Bear City.

TRAVEL TIPS: Zone D14 encompasses a large geographic area, and hunters are advised to assure gasoline tanks are full before entering the backcountry. Terrain can be hard and flat, to steep and rocky. As is the case for all remote area travel, hunters should take along a shovel, serviceable spare

tire, and lots of extra food and water. Within D14 hunting areas, four-wheel-drive vehicles are not required but do provide greater accessibility to the zone. Be sure to use extra caution when driving off-road. Check with USFS or BLM regarding vehicle travel restrictions that may be in place. Street-legal licensed vehicles are required within the majority of the zone; green-sticker vehicles are permitted only in certain locations and routes. Horses can improve hunter access in some D14 locations, such as the San Geronio Wilderness area. Horse permits are required and can be obtained through USFS at (909)383-5588.

The Federal Government, through the USFS, requires a Forest Adventure Pass and Wilderness Pass in possession if you intend to park your vehicle and use the USFS public lands for any purpose. For more information, call USFS at (909)383-5588.

WEATHER: Warm days and cool nights are common during the D14 hunt season. Snow at higher elevations can occur at any time during the season.

CAMPING: There are numerous campgrounds on public lands throughout the zone, many of which close later in the hunting season. Camping adjacent to springs or other water sources is not allowed. Human presence within 200 yards of a wildlife water source for more than 30 minutes is a violation of Fish and Game laws. Water sources are precious spots that provide important water for wildlife.

WHERE TO FIND DEER: Zone D14 deer habitat is highly diverse, ranging from pine forest to chaparral and desert scrub. The San Geronio Wilderness, located in the southeastern portion of the zone, provides a remote, high country, rugged hunt for those who seek solitude. North Fork Meadow, Ten Thousand Foot Ridge, and Charleton Peak provide good opportunity. The majority of hunters prefer the western portion of the zone outside wilderness boundaries because access is easier through a wide range of forest roads and trails. Look for areas with recent wildfire or prescribed burn activity such as the Willow, Devils Hole, and Blue Cut fires, and the Upper Santa Ana River prescribed burn areas. Water is critical to deer survival and higher numbers of deer are found most often within close proximity to a water source.

ADDITIONAL HUNT J11 (SAN BERNARDINO JUNIOR EITHER-SEX DEER HUNT): The J11 hunt is a late season deer hunt. The hunt is only in those portions of D14 within San Bernardino County. For specific information regarding this hunt, please refer to the California Hunting Regulations (Mammals and Furbearers) booklet available online at the Department of Fish and Game's website: www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/biggame/biggamehunting.html.

CONTACT INFORMATION: If you have further questions, telephone (909)866-1549.